

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 23, 2023

Lt. General Scott Spellmon
Chief of Engineers and
Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Dear Lt. General Spellmon,

We write to you today to request the prompt disbursement of remaining funding for the Green Brook Flood Risk Management Project, which was appropriated in the end of year spending package passed by Congress in December 2022.

Through the supplemental disaster recovery legislation passed in 2021 (H.R.5305, P.L. 117-43), and with the enthusiastic support of the Biden Administration, the Green Brook project received a \$495 million supplemental appropriation with the intent to fully fund and complete the decades-long work of mitigating future flood damage in the region. While the Green Brook project was allocated significant supplemental funding, its annual \$30 million appropriations line item needed to consider the project fully funded was not included in any final fiscal year 2022 spending package. Unfortunately, this shortage has impacted the project timeline and placed a significant cost-sharing burden on New Jersey which the State had not budgeted for due to the assumption that the project would be fully federally funded following receipt of the supplemental disaster appropriation and its annual appropriation allocation. Thankfully Congress appropriated the remaining \$30 million in its FY2023 spending package (H.R.2617, P.L. 117-328) through discretionary funds to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This funding, once disbursed, will make the project 100 percent federally funded, thus relieving the state of New Jersey from its cost sharing responsibility.

Due to the time sensitivity of the project's receipt of the remaining funding, we urge you to swiftly distribute the appropriated \$30 million for the Green Brook Flood Risk Management Project. The State must meet its obligation by Spring 2023 if the project has not received the outstanding \$30 million by then. The intention of the Biden Administration and Congress was to make this project fully federally funded, and we ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to uphold that intent by ensuring the project expeditiously receives its remaining funding.

Sincerely,



BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN
Member of Congress



CORY BOOKER
United States Senator



ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator

cc: New York District Commander Col. Matthew Luzzatto
Chief of New York District Civil Works Branch Paul Tumminello, P.E